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1. a. The LAERZ (N 54/U 33) airfield was strictly guarded. Sixty-three single-engine fighters, 27 twin-engine aircraft and 12 biplanes were counted there.

b. Description of the single-engine fighters: Low-wing monoplane, radial engine, three-bladed propeller, red propeller hub, rear section of cockpit fairing into fuselage, triangular rudder assembly with rounded trailing edge.

c. Description of the twin-engine aircraft: Low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, double rudder assembly.

d. Six other twin-engine aircraft were taxiing out of the woods on the north-western edge of the field. More aircraft were possibly stationed there.

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Comment:

This is the first report received on the occupation of the LAERZ airfield by air units. A different source confirmed the occupation for the period from 6 to 17 September 1949. It is assumed that the bomber aircraft were previously stationed in EINOW.

It is not clear whether the LAERZ airfield was permanently or only temporarily occupied in connection with air force maneuvers.

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